



Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

Development Services Department

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Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, FL 33308

To: Planning and Zoning Board
Thru: Bud Bentley, Assistant Town Manager *BB*
From: Linda Connors, Town Planner *LC*
Date: May 9, 2011
Meeting Date: May 16, 2011
Re: Town Planner Report

This memorandum serves to update the Board regarding recent Town planning activities and to bring to your attention upcoming planning items.

Priority #2 – Proposed Amendments to Support Hotel Uses

At your last meeting, you approved revisions to the code to facilitate the development of new hotels, encourage the redevelopment of existing hotels and discourage the conversion of tourist units to residential use. These amendments were approved by the Town Commission on March 27th and are now in effect.

Priority #3 Revise the Sign Code

On March 27th, the Town Commission also approved the revisions to the sign code that were reviewed by the previous Planning and Zoning Board. These amendments included a comprehensive reorganization of the existing Code, including the addition of definitions, diagrams, and clarifying language to ensure the code is clear, concise and a more user friendly document for both the general public and staff.

Commercial Boulevard Improvements

Plans to improve to Commercial Boulevard are currently underway. The Town Commission approved plan designs for Commercial Boulevard east of Ocean Drive and we are currently in the schematic design phase. The designers are tentatively scheduled to present the schematic design to the Commission at their May 22nd meeting.

We are also moving forward with improvements to Commercial Boulevard west of Seagrape Drive. This project includes a redesign of the existing Town parking, streetscape improvements, landscaping and the widening of our sidewalks. The consultants have met with the Town Commission on several occasions to determine the best option for redesign. The Commission approved an option on April 24th and the consultants are currently in the schematic design phase. Both the East and West Commercial Boulevard renderings are available for review on the Town's website (www.lbts-fl.gov).

Attendance Requirement

At your last meeting, I mentioned that the Town Commission was considering amending the Code to require removal of a Planning Board member who missed three consecutive meetings. This amendment was passed on second reading at the Commission's May 8th meeting. Amendments were also made to the code to eliminate the requirement for the Planning Board to meet monthly and instead, the Board shall only meet when there is an agenda item.

June Meeting

Staff is suggesting that we move the June meeting date to June 27th. To date, we do not yet have items scheduled for this meeting, so a meeting may not be required.